

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A fastener for securing an article having a first end terminating in a stop member for substantially permanent insertion into an article, requiring destruction of the fastener for removal, a second end having an enlarged member and a connection member between said first end and said second end, wherein the fastener further comprises means for retaining security information. Also, a method for securing an article, at least a portion of which is made of a material through which a needle can pass, including the step of passing a needle with a stop member of a fastener through the material of the article to be secured, the fastener having a first end terminating in the stop member, a second end having an enlarged member and a connection member between the first end and the second end, wherein removal of the fastener requires destruction of the fastener.